

"The Ridge" on Ocean Ave.

This year marks the 101st anniversary of the Currier cottage on "The Ridge," on Ocean Ave., Standish Shore. For long the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Currier, they are now readying it for permanent residence.

In May of 1876, Joseph Stephen Currier bought the house and barn and it has been continuously occupied by members of the Currier family ever since. It was the first house to be built in that location. "The Ridge" was one of Duxbury's first planned developments and the deed to the Currier property contains a map of the layout of the houses on small lots with 3 types of architecture to choose from. All small cottages, they were covered with the gingerbread of the Victorian era. Inside the houses, the arrangement of rooms is much the same. The Currier house is the only one with a barn, which was later made into a cottage as the family grew.

More Ocean Ave. houses

The original Beals family house was the second to be built and boasted a windmill. All houses had their own wells and outhouses, which Steve remembers from childhood summers. These first 2 houses were built in the early 70's and the 4 others followed in the 80's. Doris Beal, retired from teaching in Brookline, grew up in her family's house in the summer and 26 years ago, was left another house by Miss Hutchinson. Doris Beal made her cottage into a year-round house and is now a permanent resident. She rents her other house in the summer.

Virginia Mason came to her family's summer cottage as a little girl in 1910, and after years of successful stock brokering in Boston, has retired as a year-round resident.

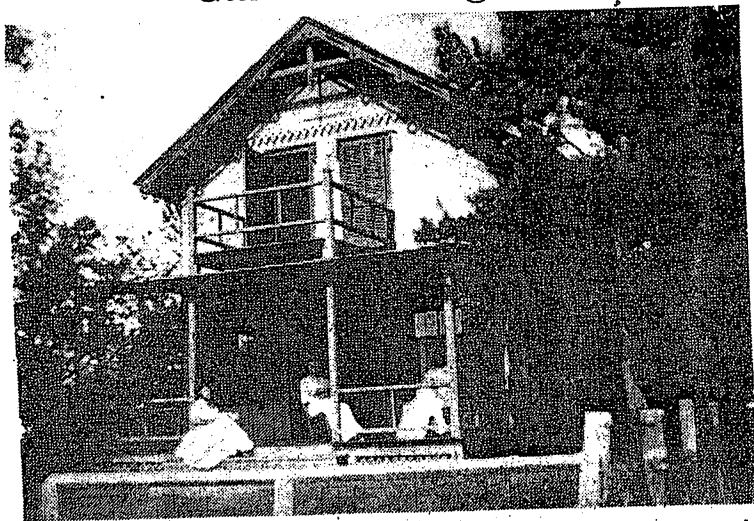
James Frame who now lives on Washington St., spent summers with his cousin, John Fellows, in their grandmother's house, built in the 80's. In those days, there were only cow paths on Standish Shore.

The Paul Floyds live year-round in the former Crozier house which was moved to its present site about 1912. This house was formerly a building on the grounds of the old Myles Standish Hotel just down the street. When the hotel burned in 1905, parts of it which were remaining were moved all over Standish Shore and made into houses. The Faneuil Adams now live down the road on Marshall St. in what was originally a part of the old hotel. In 1890 the John Carters came to Standish Shore with their 4 daughters and in 1915 built the boat house on the bay just below

The Gathercole family are comparative newcomers to "The Ridge", summering in the house which was formerly the summer home of Mrs. William Cushing Loring. The late Dr. Fred Gathercole bought the house on his 75th birthday. Today, Mrs. Gathercole and her daughters and grandchildren occupy the house.

Prof. John Zimmerman, his wife and children, Nancy and John, come from Los Angeles. Prof. Zimmerman, who has taught at Duke and Harvard, now teaches Russian history and social economics at State College, Los Angeles. Prof. and Mrs. Mahmoud Riaz and their son Fazial come from Minneapolis where Prof. Riaz, who was born in Paris and is a graduate of the Sorbonne, is director of electrical engineering at the University of Minnesota and a consultant to Honeywell. He is author of a book on MATHEMATICS.

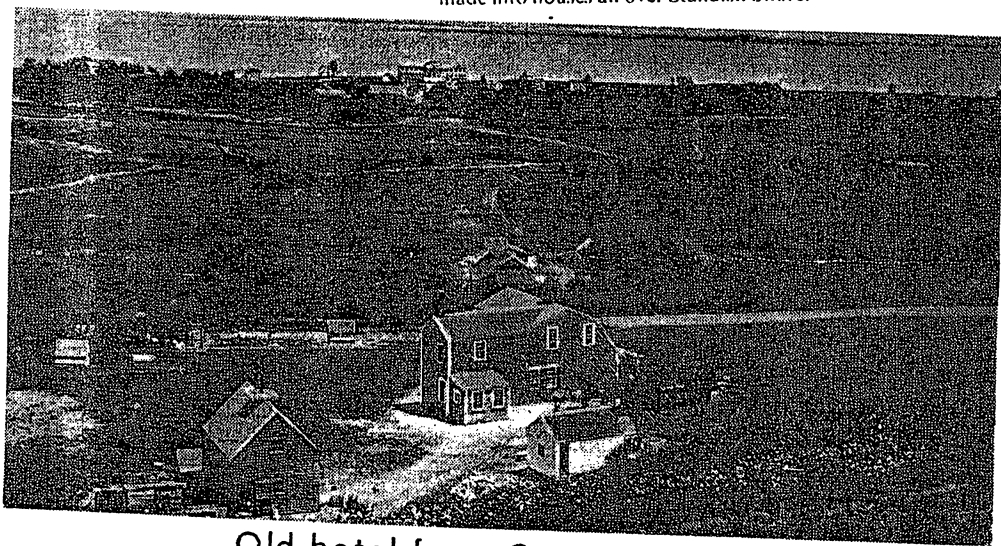
Currier Cottage



Some Currier ancestors relax on the porch

CORRECTION

In last week's Clipper, we said that the old Myles Standish Hotel had burned down. This is incorrect, according to Dorothy Wentworth, Town Historian, and Grace Collins, who summered on Standish Shore all her life before becoming a permanent resident. The fire was only in the laundry of the hotel. What happened to the Myles Standish Hotel, happened to many hotels of that era. Times and peoples needs changed and it simply had to close down. Then, parts of it were taken and made into houses all over Standish Shore.



Old hotel from Captain's Hill

The Ridge & Pond, Standish Shore.

